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The Honorable Rod Grams  
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Congressman Grams:

This letter is in reference to PR Docket 92-235, an FCC proposal which restructures frequencies used in land-based mobile communications. The problem with this proposal is that it creates new frequencies very close to those used for radio-controlled models, which would cause interference on approximately two out of every three frequencies currently used in the hobby.

I would like to emphasize that radio interference creates a safety hazard for these models, particularly model aircraft. My airplanes weigh about five pounds and fly at speeds of up to 70 miles per hour, and many people in this hobby have planes that weigh as much as 50 pounds and operate at speeds of well over 100 miles per hour. Radio interference can cause these planes to crash with great potential for property damage, injuries, or even death.

Many people in this hobby have a very large financial investment in radio equipment. I own three radio systems, with a total value of about \$600. Two of these would be made unusable by this FCC proposal. Most hobby shops owe their existence to radio-controlled modeling. Even more dependent are the manufacturers of model kits, engines, radios, accessories, etc. This is a large industry, and it would be devastated by the proposal in question.

I have been building and flying radio-controlled model aircraft for the last three years, and it has been a very enjoyable and educational experience for me. I have learned many things in this hobby that helped me a great deal in getting a Private Pilot License last year. Currently, radio-controlled modeling is safe, fun, and educational. Please keep it that way by opposing PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Jim Ramstad  
U. S. House of Representatives  
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Good morning, Mr Ramstad,

PR Docket 92-235

I am very much concerned about the proposed rules change currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regarding PR Docket 92-235. This proposed change would greatly restrict the use of the current frequencies now used exclusively by radio control model aeroplane hobbyists.

The proposal to add frequencies between the narrow bands we now enjoy, would radically increase interference which can cause a model plane to get out of control and crash; possibly eliciting serious injury and property damage.

To interfere with a hobby which has brought so much enjoyment to millions of people in order to provide more land mobile radio use is ludicrous. This is a growing hobby. Most of our clubs have youth programs which teach young people the joy of building and flying model planes. Some models cost thousands of dollars and thousands of hours to build.

One of my current models is an exact scale replica of a P-47 Thunderbolt, which I flew as a combat fighter pilot with the Eighth Air Force in England during WWII. I would hate to have it destroyed by interference because someone is calling home on his cellular phone to find out which kind of wine to bring home for dinner.

Please help us keep things as they are to protect a wonderful hobby and our investments in time and money, by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76MHz band. Your cooperation is very much appreciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
Gordon E. Batdorf